(b) and (c) Recovery of pension/Dearness Relief on pension can be made as per Rule 9 and 72(6) of the provisions of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972. Under Rule 71 of these Rules, the Government dues which remain outstanding till the date of retirement can be adjusted against retirement gratuity.

(d) Recovery from the salary and pensions of employees/retirees of autonomous bodies would depend on the Rules applicable in those bodies.

Tax evasion by builders

2801. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many big builders are evading paying of income-tax;

(b) if so, the details of such builders and income-tax evaded during the last three years;

(c) whether Income Tax Department have raided or issued show cause notices to some builders; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes Sir. Certain cases of tax evasion by builders have come to the notice of Income-tax Department.

(b) to (d) The Income-tax Department has conducted Search and Seizure operations under Section 132 of the Income tax Act, 1961 in total 182 cases of builders and developers all over the country during the last three Financial Years. The operations have led to detection of total undisclosed income of Rs.3541.38 Crore.

Directive of HRD Ministry on austerity measures

2802. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has asked the various Ministries and Departments to cut down its Non-Plan expenditure by 10 per cent as an austerity measure;

(b) if so, whether the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry has issued a directive to all institutions functioning under it to increase the fee and also stop giving subsidies to hostels as a part of its austerity measures; and

(c) if so, how his Ministry justify in increasing the fee and withdrawal of subsidies to hostels as austerity measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) In September, 2009, Ministry of Finance have advised all Ministries/Departments to effect a mandatory 10% cut in non-plan expenditure on Domestic and Foreign Travel expenses, Publications, professional services, Advertising and Publicity, Office Expenses, POL (except for security related requirement) and other administrative expenses and a 5% cut on the remaining portion (excluding interest payments, repayment of debt, Defence capital, salaries, pension and the Finance Commission grants to the States).

(b) and (c) Similar instructions were issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development to heads of autonomous and statutory bodies for effecting the cut in non-salary component of non-plan expenditure. In the same set of instructions an advisory was issued to make efforts to generate additional resources by gradual revision of tuition fees, levy of user fees, withdrawal of hostel subsidies and other measures.

Impact of rising prices on per capita income

†2803. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the inflation rate being at zero, the prices of pulses have risen more than 25 per cent, sugar by more than 50 per cent, flour by more than 20 per cent;

(b) whether Government's Wholesale Price Index does not reflects the true picture of the inflation and price rise;

(c) whether there is increase in per capita average income in tune with the rate of price hike; and

(d) if not, whether Government would accept increase in the percentage of poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The following table gives Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation for the month of October, 2009 for pulses, sugar and flour (wheat):

Item	Weight(%)	Year-on-year Inflation (%)
Pulses	0.60	22.81
Sugar	3.62	45.70
Flour (wheat)	0.21	1.38

(b) The WPI because of its coverage, involving 435 commodities in its basket classified as primary articles (98 commodities), fuel, power, light and lubricants (19 commodities) and manufactured products (318 commodities), is the most preferred measure of inflation.

(c) and (d) The following table gives the annual growth rate in the per capita Net National Products (NNP, base: 1999-2000) and the annual rate of WPI inflation during the last five years.

Year	Annual growth rate of *per capita* NNP(%) (Base : 1999-2000)	Year-on-year WPI Inflation(%)
2004-05	11.1	6.47
2005-06	12.1	4.42
2006-07	13.5	5.43
2007-08	12.7	4.67
2008-09	12.7	8.41

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.